marks by USPTO. However, the search of USPTO database has not produced any result with regard to pendency of any application for grant of patent on yoga practiced in steam room.

(c) and (d) Whenever an obvious case of infringement of Traditional Knowledge is brought to its notice, Government takes suitable action depending on the circumstances of the case.

Beneficiaries of SEZs in rural India

2301. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) who will be benefited in creating more and more SEZs in rural India;

(b) whether it is a fact that the provisions of various land legislation are violated in the policy of SEZ; and

(c) instead of allotting land to landless workers whether SEZ will provide land to big industrial houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The main objectives of the Special Economic Zone Act, 2005 are generation of additional economic activity, promotion of exports of goods and services, attracting investment from foreign and domestic sources, generation of employment opportunities and development of infrastructure facilities. The SEZs are, therefore, expected to trigger a large flow of foreign and domestic investment in infrastructure and productive capacity, with strong backward and forward linkages with the domestic area leading to generation of additional economic activity and creation of employment opportunities. The multiplier effect of the investments made and employment created is expected to have positive impact on the economy in general.

(b) No Sir.

(c) Only such SEZ applications are considered for approval by the Central Government, which are duly recommended by the State Government concerned. The States have been advised that no such proposal would be considered for approval where land has been or proposed to be compulsorily acquired after 5th April, 2007.

Export of best quality iron-ore

2302. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present policy permits the private players to export best quality iron-ore without substantial value addition;

(b) if so, whether any pro-active measures are proposed to be initiated to correct the said anomaly in the policy which goes against national interest;